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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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9 DESHAWN L. THOMAS,

10 Petitioner,

Case No. 2:18-cv-00020-GMN-EJY

11 v.

12 BRIAN WILLIAMS, et al.,

13 Respondents.

Order Granting Motion for Leave to File  
Excess Pages and Granting Extension to  
Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss to  
April 21, 2025

(ECF Nos. 71, 72)

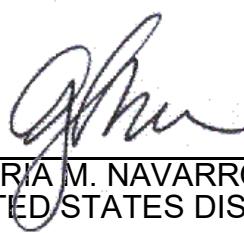
14 Along with his 40-page opposition to Respondents' Motion to Dismiss, 28 U.S.C.  
15 § 2254 Habeas Corpus Petitioner Deshawn L. Thomas filed a Motion for Leave to  
16 Exceed the 30-page limit. (ECF No. 71.) The Court notes that, apart from the table of  
17 contents and table of authorities, the opposition is only eight pages over the limit.  
18 Thomas' counsel, the Federal Public Defender, explains that she needed to respond to  
19 arguments raised by Respondents including timeliness, exhaustion, and procedural  
20 default of numerous claims. She explains that several arguments in the opposition are  
21 heavily fact-based and require lengthy responses and that she has spent a great deal of  
22 time editing the opposition for brevity. While generally the Court disfavors motions to  
23 exceed page limits (see LSR 3-2(c)), I grant leave to exceed the limit by several pages.

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25 Respondents also ask the Court for an extension to file a reply in support of the  
26 Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 71). Good cause appearing, the motion is granted.  
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1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Exceed  
2 Page Limit (**ECF No. 71**) is **GRANTED**.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents' Motion for Extension of Time to  
4 file a reply in support of the Motion to Dismiss (**ECF No. 72**) is **GRANTED *nunc pro***  
5 ***tunc*. The deadline to reply is extended to April 21, 2025.**

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7 DATED: 10 March 2025.  
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11 GLORIA M. NAVARRO  
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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